

HOUSE RESOLUTION 284

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Ron Davenport for his meritorious service to the youth of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students as they pursue musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ron Davenport is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself during his 35-year tenure as Band Director at Walter J. Baird Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his immeasurable contributions to the music and band program at Walter J. Baird Middle School, the school's spring concert has recently been named The Ron Davenport Spring Band Concert, a most befitting honor as it recognizes his dedication and devotion to music and to the youth of this great State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport has served as an inspirational leader and mentor to countless young musicians since 1974 as a teacher and band director at Baird, during which time this wonderful band program has achieved acclaim for outstanding musical performances, innovative arrangements, and excellent ratings at concert festivals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport has not only molded literally thousands of middle school students into superb musicians and marching performers, he has also taught them the meaning of team work and the value of dedication to a common goal; and

WHEREAS, many of Ron Davenport's students have attained All Mid-State Band and All State Band honors, a testament to his talent and abilities as a music teacher and band director; he has also served as a judge for band festivals and contests, including the All Mid-State Band auditions; and

WHEREAS, always encouraging his students to improve their musical skills through practice and hard work, Mr. Davenport taught private music lessons in the saxophone for many years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted participant in many community activities, Ron Davenport has volunteered his expertise in support of student teachers, plays, and concerts at Cumberland University, and he has worked closely with the Lebanon High School band program during summer band camps; and

WHEREAS, a man of exceptional musical talent who has truly reached the pinnacle of his profession, Ron Davenport has donated his time and many talents to numerous professional organizations, including the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, the Tennessee Music Education Association, and the National Association for Music Education; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Davenport is an active and faithful member of Hickory Ridge Church of Christ, which he has served for many years as a song leader and Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Ron Davenport is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-five years, Karen; their marriage has been blessed with three children, Bethany Reese and husband Jason; Jeremy Davenport and wife Jessica; and Allison; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are the proud grandparents of Sara and Lindsay Reese and Shelby Davenport; and

WHEREAS, Ron Davenport epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, above all else, Ron Davenport is an extremely talented and compassionate educator and musician who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as musicians and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ron Davenport is a dedicated teacher, wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we
recognize and commend Ron Davenport for his meritorious service to his students at Walter J.
Baird Middle School in particular and the youth of the State of Tennessee in general,
congratulate him upon his recent honor, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.